


REPORT

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TO: Administrative Committee and Regional Council

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SUBJECT: Resolution # 06-475-1 Authorizing the Submittal and Acceptance of Federal Transit Authority Grants

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S APPROVAL: 

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Adopt Resolution # 06-475-1 authorizing the submittal and execution of Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Grants through the Transportation Electronic Award System (TEAM).

SUMMARY:

The FTA requires periodic update to the authorizing resolution and forms associated with the use of the TEAM system, through which grant application, execution and reporting is required for certain FTA grants.

BACKGROUND:

SCAG is currently completing two projects funded by discretionary FTA grants, a Jobs Access Reverse Commute project and Intelligent Transportation System (ITS) Deployment for Riverside Transit Authority. For these projects, as well as future grants for which SCAG may apply, the FTA requires the SCAG Executive Director and Chief Counsel to approve, submit and execute grant documents via TEAM. SCAG staff also utilizes TEAM to submit required quarterly progress and financial status reports for these grants.

In addition, the FTA Section 5307 program requires SCAG to utilize the TEAM database. First, as a Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) SCAG must concur with all transit operators FTA Section 5307 grant applications. Second, SCAG as designated recipient for FTA Section 5307 funds for five urbanized areas in the region, utilizes TEAM for the functions associated with this designation (grant application, execution and reporting). SCAG is the designated recipient for the following urbanized areas:

1. Los Angeles-Long Beach-Santa Ana
2. Indio-Cathedral City-Palm Springs
3. Riverside-San Bernardino
4. Temecula-Murrieta
5. Lancaster-Palmdale

FTA periodically requires updates to the authorization documents required to continue use of the TEAM system. By providing the necessary resolution to FTA, SCAG will continue to be in compliance with FTA regulations regarding current and future grants.

FISCAL IMPACT:

No direct fiscal impact associated with providing the resolution. However, if SCAG does not comply with FTA grant regulations, current funding could be negatively impacted and future discretionary FTA grants would not be available to SCAG.

**RESOLUTION #06-475-1 OF THE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA
ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS
TO AUTHORIZE THE SUBMITTAL AND EXECUTION OF
GRANT DOCUMENTS TO THE FEDERAL TRANSIT
ADMINISTRATION**

WHEREAS, the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) is the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for six counties: Los Angeles, Orange, San Bernardino, Riverside, Ventura, and Imperial;

WHEREAS, SCAG is the Designated Recipient as defined by 49 U.S.C §5307 (A)(2) for Urbanized Area Formula Program assistance;

WHEREAS, the Federal Transit Administration, an operating administration of the United States Department of Transportation awards Federal transportation assistance authorized by 49 U.S.C. chapter 53 and other Federal statutes administered by the Federal Transit Administration;

WHEREAS, the Federal Transportation Administrator has been delegated authority to award Federal financial assistance for transportation projects;

WHEREAS, the grant or cooperative agreement for Federal Financial assistance will impose certain obligations upon the Applicant, SCAG, and may require SCAG to provide the local share of project costs; and

WHEREAS, SCAG has or will provide all annual certifications and assurances to the Federal Transit Administration required for projects;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Regional Council of the Southern California Association of Governments to authorize the Executive Director or his designee to execute and file an application for Federal assistance on behalf of SCAG with the Federal Transit Administration for Federal Assistance authorized by 49 U.S.C. chapter 53, or other Federal statutes administered by the Federal Transit Administration.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that:

1. The Executive Director or his designee is authorized to execute and file with its application the annual certification and assurances and other documents the Federal Transportation Administration requires before awarding a Federal assistance grant or cooperative agreement; and

2. The Executive Director or his designee is authorized to execute grant and cooperative agreements with the Federal Transit Administration on behalf of SCAG.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED by the [] vote of the Regional Council of the Southern California Association of Governments at its regular meeting this 1st day of June 2006.

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